

THE EXAM...



... ISN'T
OVER YET.



WHAT ARE
YOU TALKING
ABOUT?

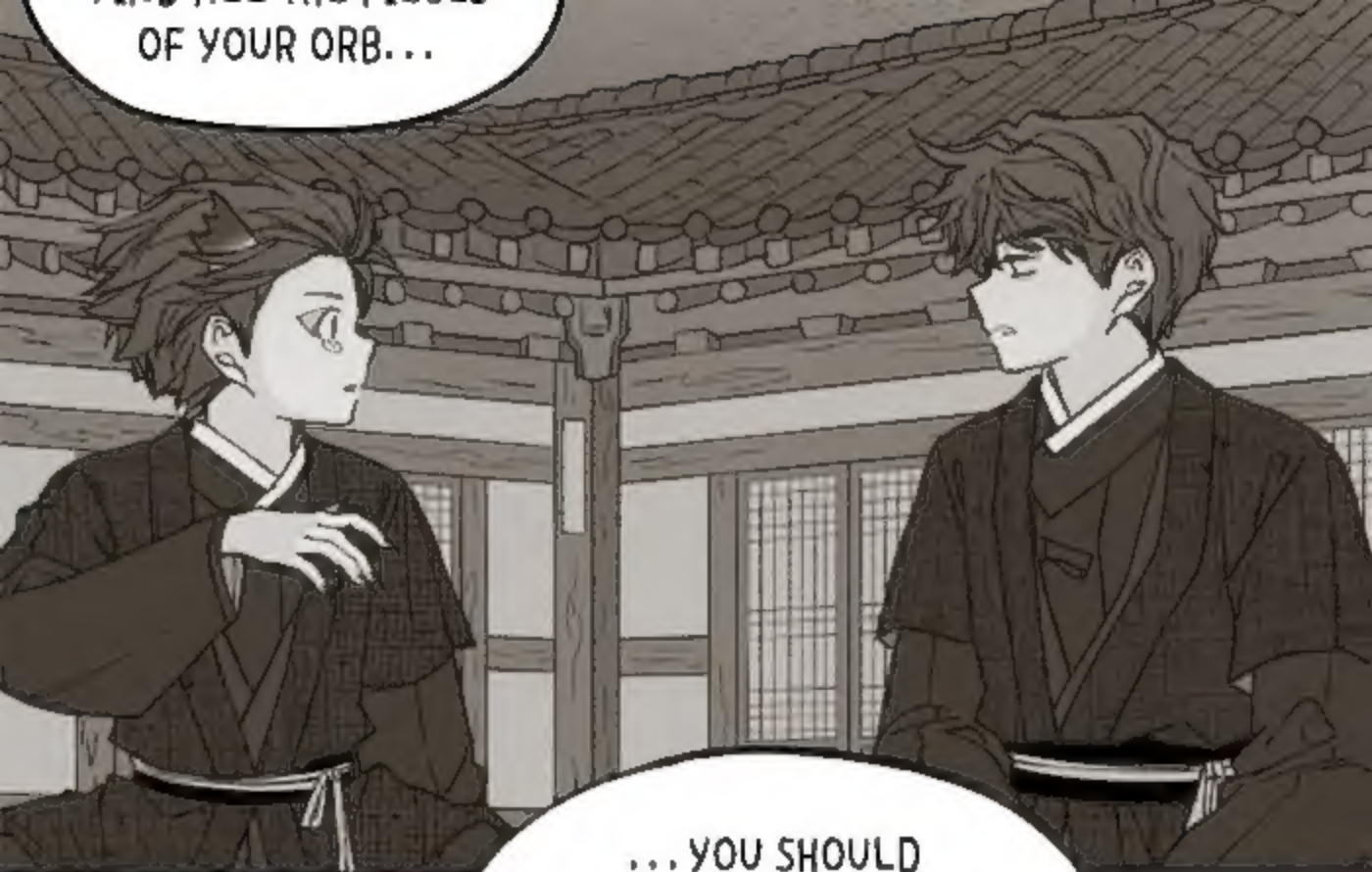
I ALREADY
FAILED

ARE YOU
KIDDING ME

DON'T YOU
REMEMBER WHAT
I SAID BACK
THEN?

I TOLD YOU
THAT IF YOU COULDN'T
FIND ALL THE PIECES

...AND THE RULES
OF YOUR ORB...



... YOU SHOULD
JUST USE THE PIECES
OF SOMEONE ELSE'S ORB
THAT YOU HAVE.

WHAT
ABOUT IT?

YOU'RE SO
FRUSTRATING...



SINCE THE ONE
YOU HAD GOT
LOST...

... JUST USE
SOMEONE ELSE'S
ORB.



CAN'T YOU DO
WHATEVER YOU
WANT?



WANT WITH IT?



LIKE MY OLD MAN SAID,
THERE'S A POSSIBILITY THAT
BOTH OF THOSE TWO COULD
BECOME DRAGONS.

IF THEY DO,
ASK THEM TO REPAY
YOU FOR THE ROLE
YOU PLAYED.

ISN'T THAT ORB
REALLY IMPORTANT
IN BECOMING
A DRAGON?

THE OLD MAN
IS THE PRESIDENT
OF MY FAMILY'S
COMPANY,

BUT IT'S BEEN
A WHILE SINCE HE'S
STEPPED DOWN FROM HIS
RESPONSIBILITIES. HE'S ONLY
THE PRESIDENT
IN TITLE.



Vice president Sucheol Park



MY FATHER IS
THE ONE WHO HAS
THE REAL POWER.



IF ONE OF
THEM BECOMES
A DRAGON...

...AND
TAKES CONTROL
OF THE NAKDONG
RIVER...



you...

... CAN BECOME
THE SECOND IN
CHARGE THERE.



SO YOU WANT ME
TO HAVE POWER OVER
THE RIVER...

... SINCE
I HAVE THE ORB?





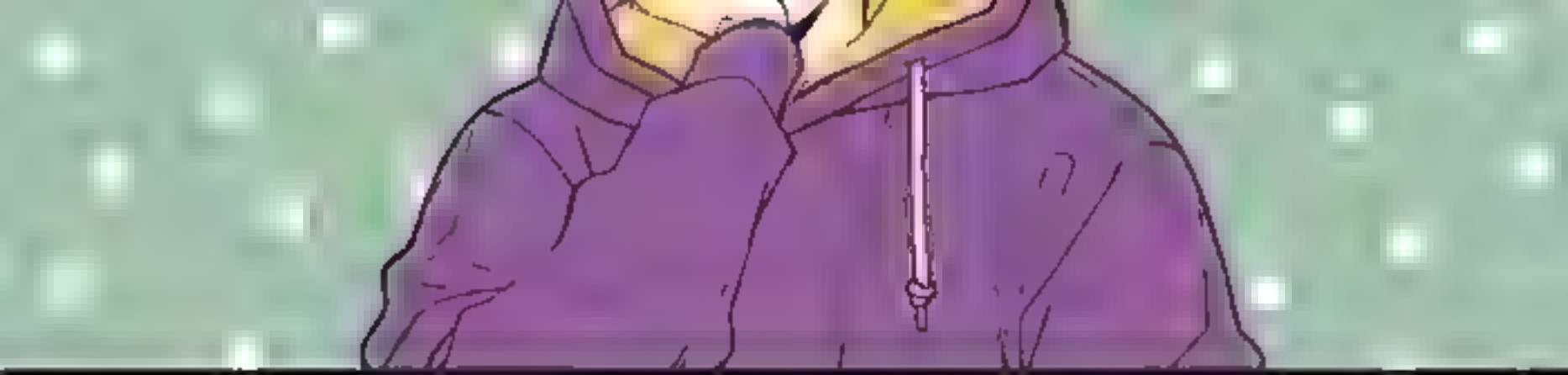


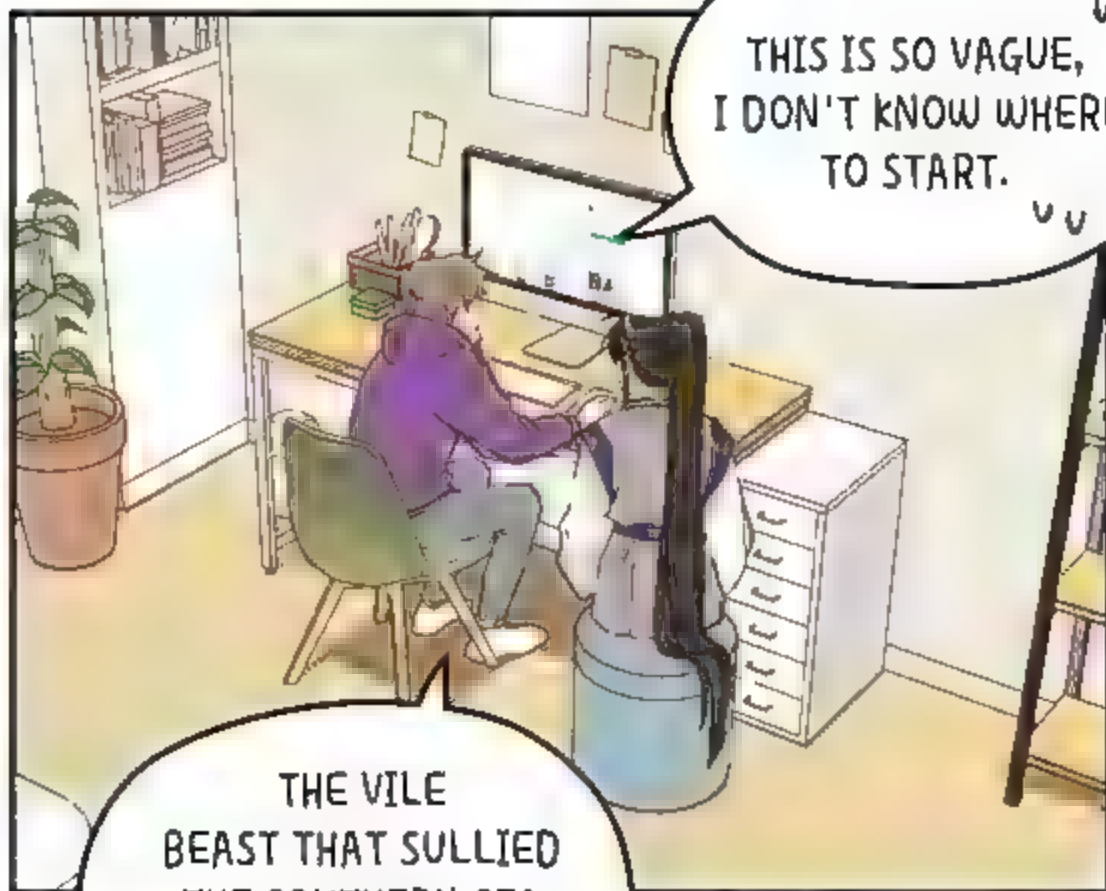
HOW TO BECOME A DRAGON

The title is rendered in a playful, hand-drawn style. 'HOW' and 'TO BECOME' are in a solid blue, blocky font. 'A DRAGON' is in a blue font with a dark, scale-like pattern. A small dragon head with antennae is integrated into the letter 'D', and a hand is shown holding the letter 'N'.

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THIS IS SO VAGUE,
I DON'T KNOW WHERE
TO START.

THE VILE
BEAST THAT SULLIED
THE SOUTHERN SEA
HUNDREDS OF
YEARS AGO...

IF IT WAS
HUNDREDS OF YEARS AGO,
DOES THAT MEAN IT HAPPENED

DOES THAT MEAN IT HAPPENED
IN THE GORYEO OR
JOSEON DYNASTY?

THAT'S A HUGE
TIMEFRAME!

DURING WAR?

SHOULD WE LOOK FOR
BATTLES FOUGHT IN THE
SOUTHERN SEA?

LIKE THE GREAT
GENERAL YI SUN SHIN

HMM, I DON'T
KNOW!

THE CREATURE
THAT OFFENDED
THE DRAGON KING WAS

KNOW?

THE DRAGON KING WAS
A HUMAN...?

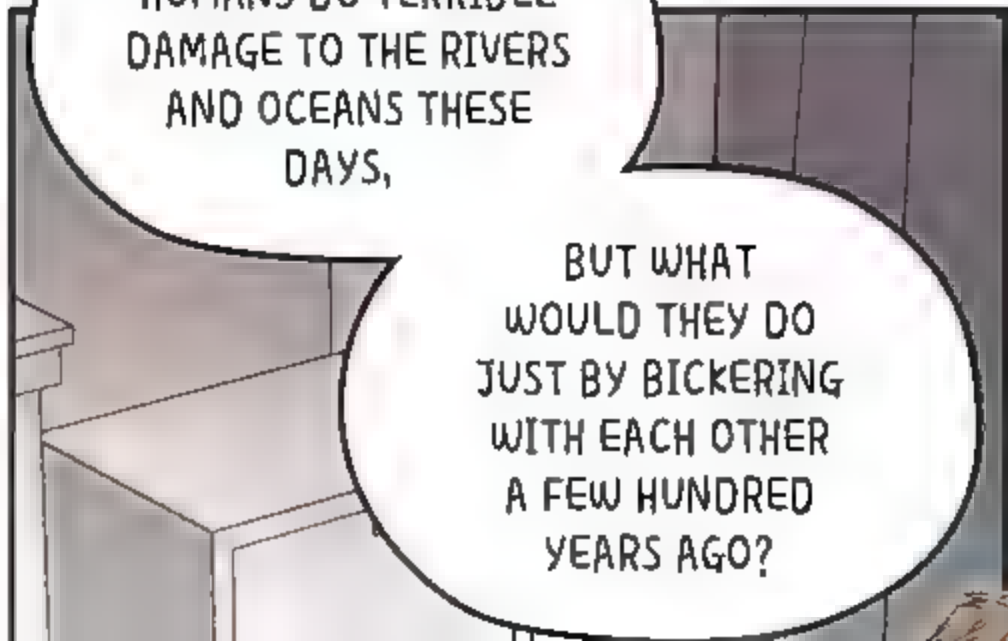


WHAT,

IT'S NOT?

WELL... SURE,
HUMANS DO TERRIBLE
DAMAGE TO THE RIVERS
AND OCEANS THESE
DAYS,

BUT WHAT
WOULD THEY DO
JUST BY BICKERING
WITH EACH OTHER
A FEW HUNDRED
YEARS AGO?





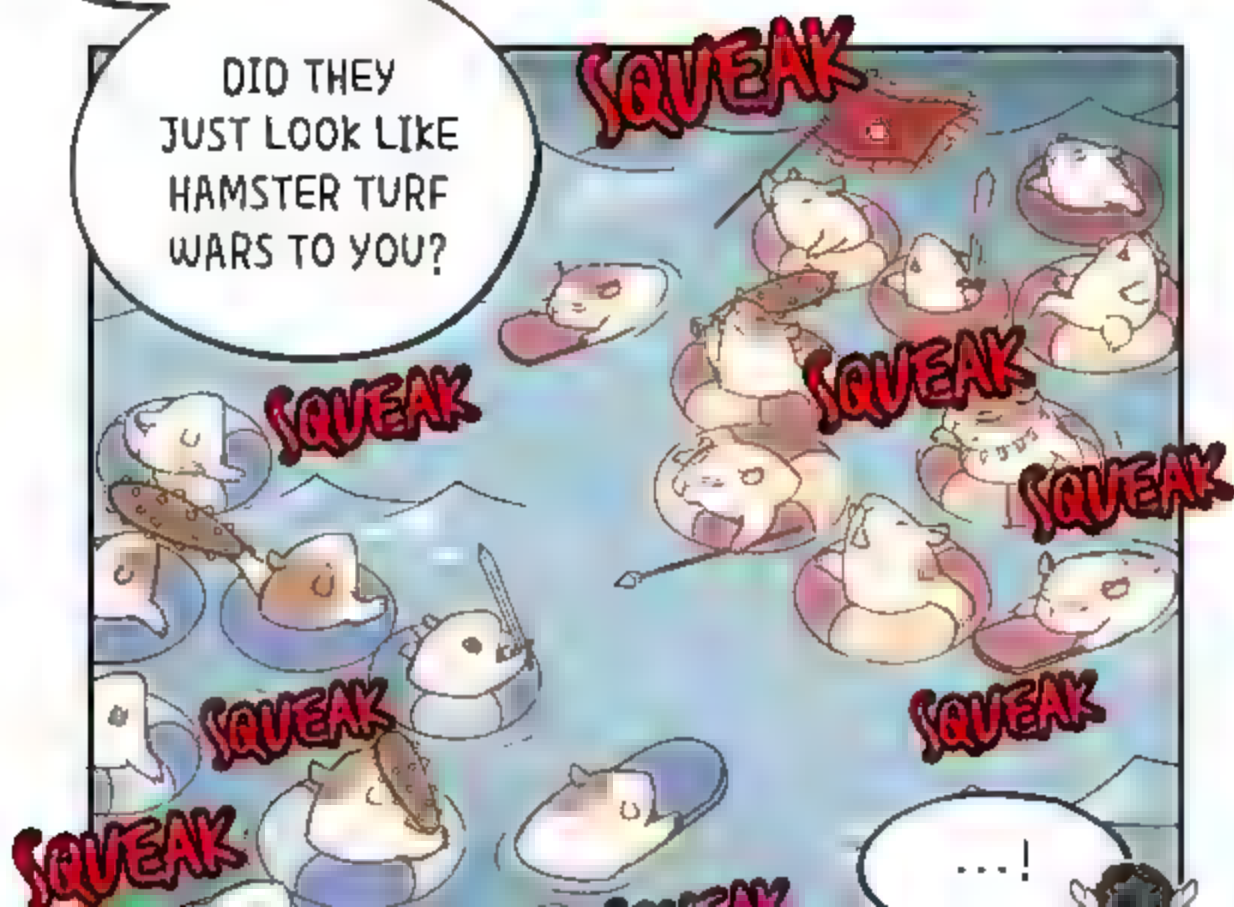
BICKERING...?

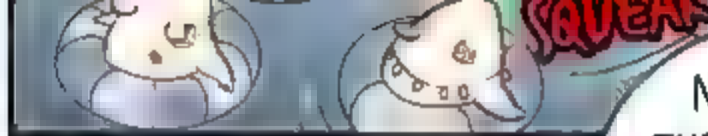
HEY, THOSE
WARS HAD THE
WHOLE COUNTRY IN
AN UPROAR.



WHAT,

DID THEY
JUST LOOK LIKE
HAMSTER TURF
WARS TO YOU?





NO, I MEAN...
THE OCEAN IS JUST
SO BIG, YOU
KNOW...!



ALSO, WE'RE
SUPPOSED TO
FIND A SPECIFIC
BEAST.

THAT MEANS
IT'S BEEN ALIVE FOR
CENTURIES,

AND HUMAN
LIFESPANS AREN'T
THAT LONG.

MAYBE IT'S
TELLING US TO GO FIND
SOME HUMAN'S
DESCENDANT?

YOU
GUYS LIKE HOLDING
PEOPLE ACCOUNTABLE
FOR THEIR ANCESTORS'
CRIMES.



FLINCH

...

WELL,
IT WASN'T THE
TERRAPIN.

RIGHT!

AND SINCE
THEY DIRTIED THE SEA,
THAT MEANS THAT THEY'RE
NOT A CREATURE THAT
LIVES IN IT.

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THEY PROBABLY
TRESPASSED INTO THE
DEEP SEA WITHOUT THE
DRAGON KING'S
PERMISSION.

A dark, atmospheric comic panel background. On the left, there are reddish-brown, branching structures resembling coral or seaweed. In the center, three small, white, circular lights are visible against the dark background. On the right, there are dark, silhouetted shapes that look like rocks or more coral. The overall tone is mysterious and underwater.

IS THAT POSSIBLE
IF THEY'RE NOT A SEA
CREATURE?



THEN WHAT
ARE THEY?

THEY'RE NOT
A SEA CREATURE,
AND THEIR LIFESPAN IS
CENTURIES LONG.

AN ANIMAL
THAT CAUSED
A MESS IN THE

SOUTHERN SEA?

IF THEY LIVE
FOR HUNDREDS OF YEARS
AND CAUSED A BIG ENOUGH
SCENE TO PISS OFF
A DRAGON KING...



... DOESN'T THAT
MEAN THEY HAVE
TO AT LEAST BE LIKE
THE TIGER MOUNTAIN
SPIRIT?

HOW WOULD
A LAND ANIMAL
CAUSE A SCENE IN
THE SEA?

COME HITHER!

STARTLE

STARTLE

HUH...?
WHAT THE
HECK?

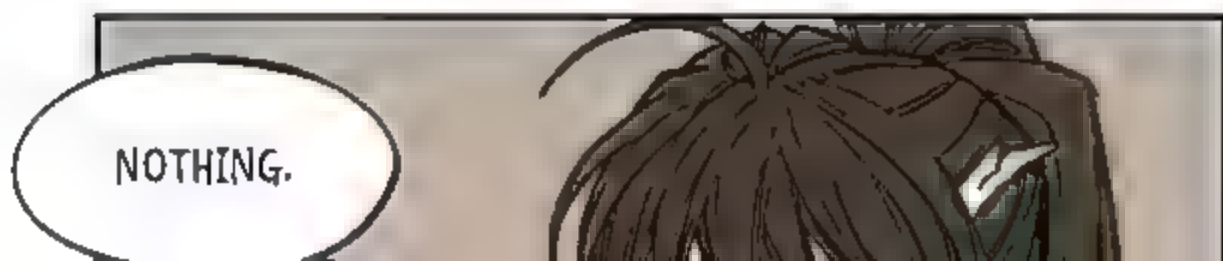
WHY
ARE YOU GUYS
HERE?

CREAK









I'M JUST
GLAD YOU GOT YOUR
ENERGY BACK.





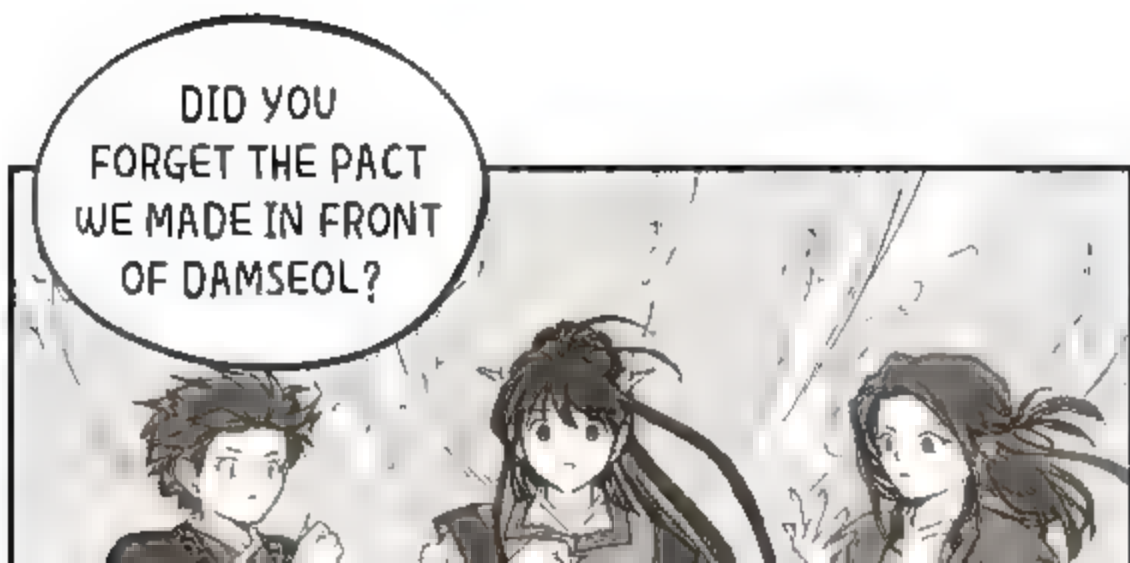
YEAH.

IT DOESN'T
SUIT ME TO MOPE
AROUND.

MY EXAM
MAY BE OVER...



... BUT
YOU STILL HAVE
A CHANCE.





WE'RE ALLIES.

WE SAID
WE'D HELP ONE
ANOTHER.

I FAILED, BUT
YOU AND YEONGNO
PASSED.





I'LL HELP
YOU TWO FROM
NOW ON.



WE'RE...

... FRIENDS.



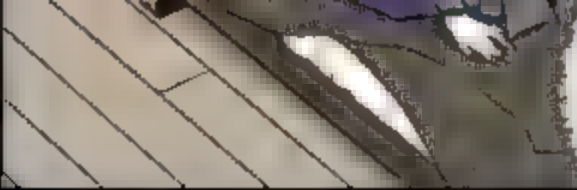




HE MEANS IT WHEN
HE SAYS HE'LL HELP
THEM BECOME
DRAGONS.

NO MATTER WHO
BECOMES A DRAGON,
YOU CAN JUST STICK CLOSE
TO THEM USING THE ORB
AS AN EXCUSE.

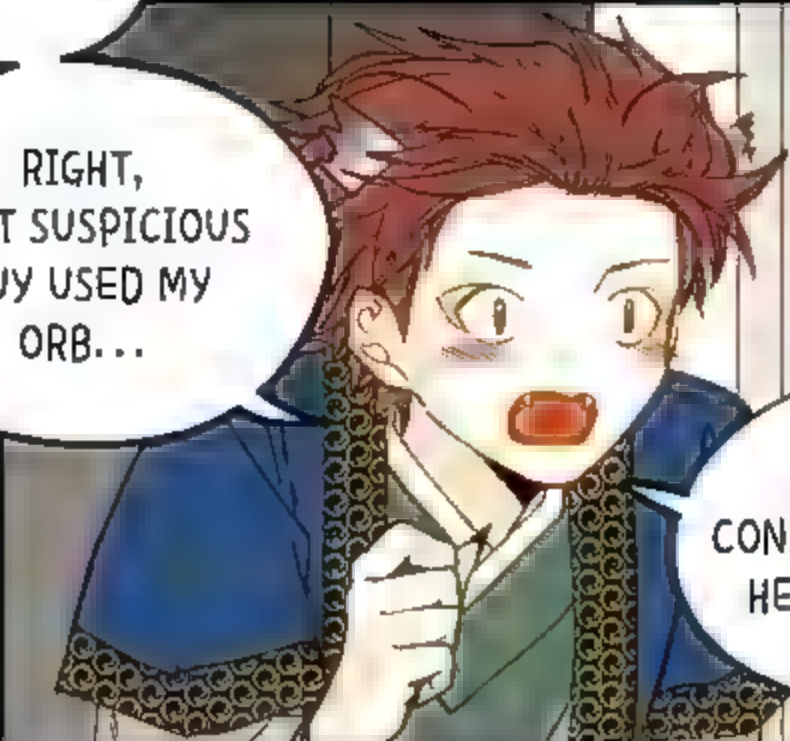
THE HANDSOME



GUY FROM GYEONGBOK
PALACE CAN'T KICK YOU
OUT SINCE YOU HAVE
HIS ORB.

YEONGNO...

RIGHT,
THAT SUSPICIOUS
GUY USED MY
ORB...



... SO IF
HE HAS ANY
CONSCIENCE AT ALL,
HE WON'T TRY TO
BACK OUT!

THAT'S AN
UNCHARACTERISTICALLY
GOOD PLAN!

LET'S GO HELP
THEM WITH THEIR
EXAM!



I'LL JUST
CLING TO ONE OF
THEM AND TAKE OVER
THE RIVER!

HAHAHAHA

...IS
WHAT HE'S
THINKING...



PROBABLY



BASED ON
HIS CHANGE IN
PERSONALITY



MWAAAAHA

HEHEHE

ALRIGHT,
DO YOUR BEST.

PASSING THE
EXAM IS THE MOST

IMPORTANT THING
RIGHT NOW.

IT WORKS OUT
FOR US SINCE WE
HAVE A BIGGER
BUDGET NOW.

PLEASE LET US
PIGGYBACK OFF
OF YOU

BUT
HONESTLY...

HEHEHE

SHAKE
SHAKE

MWAHAHA

SHAKE

... THE PERSON
THAT WOULD BE MOST
HELPFUL HERE ISN'T
THEM, IT'S--



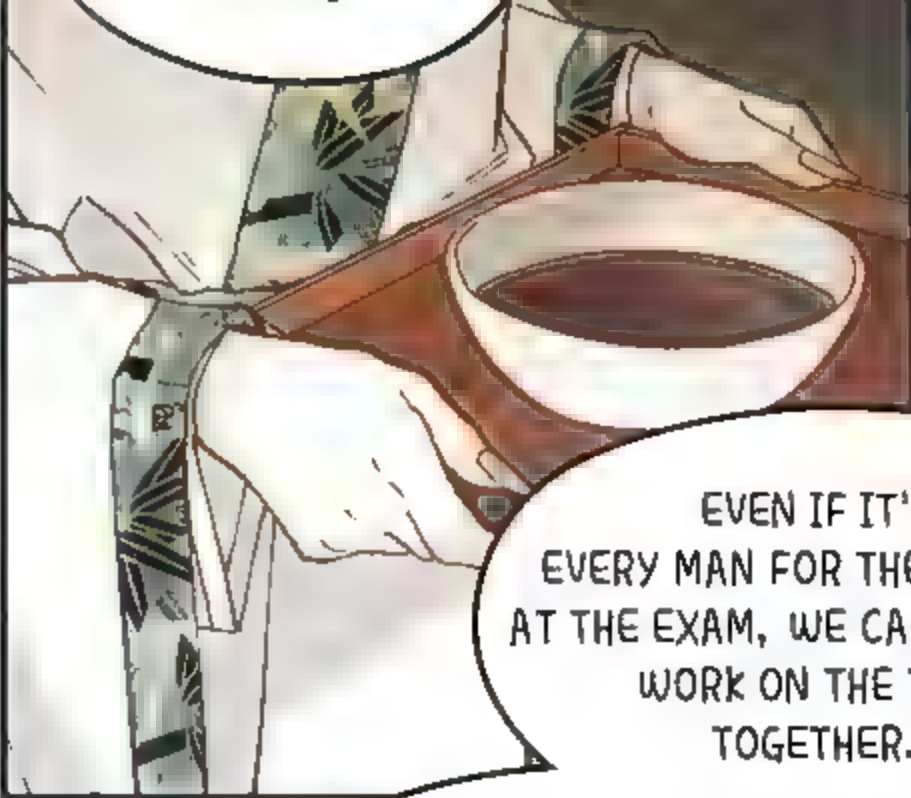
LET'S GET
YEONGNO FIRST



YEONGNO FIRST.

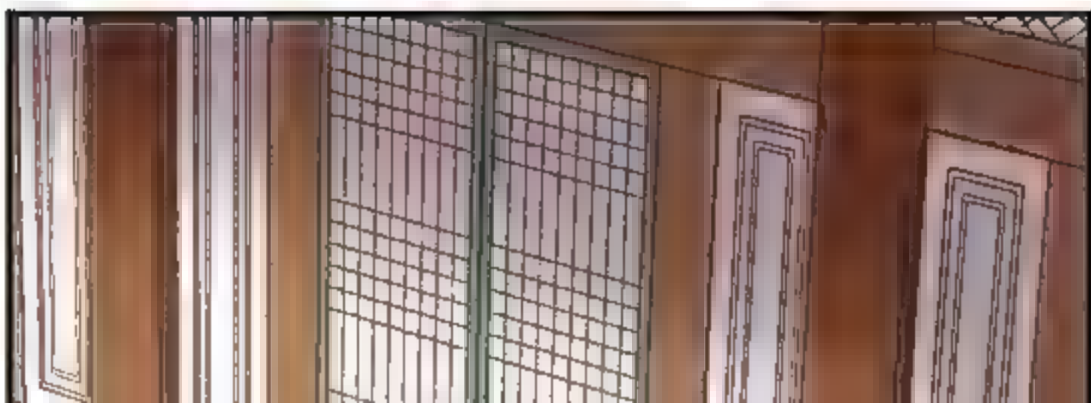
YEONGNO
HAS THE MOST
CONNECTIONS OUT
OF ALL OF US.

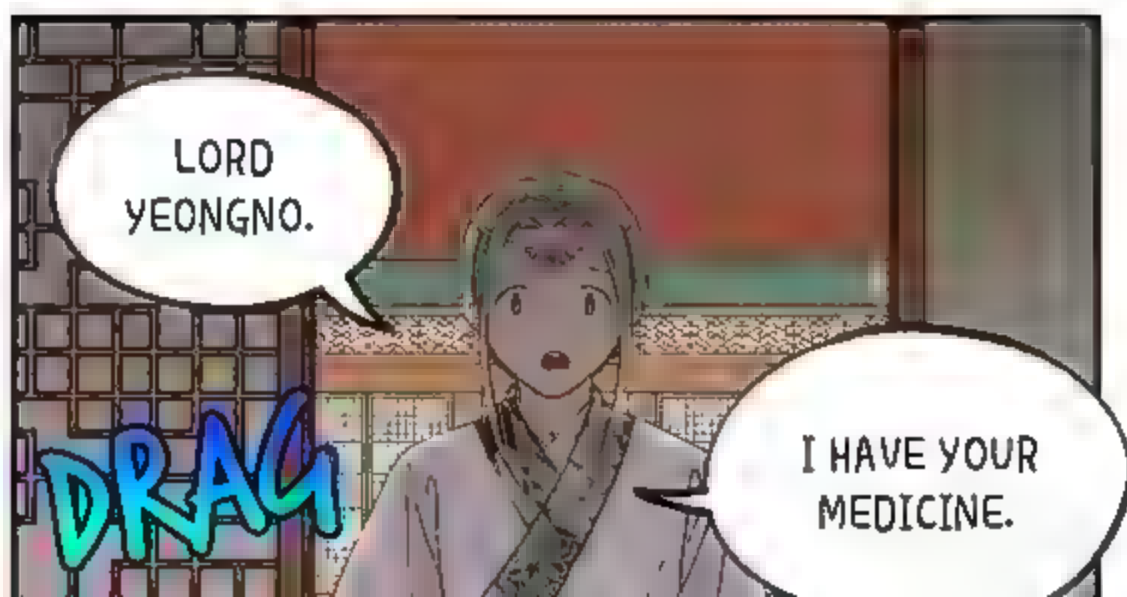
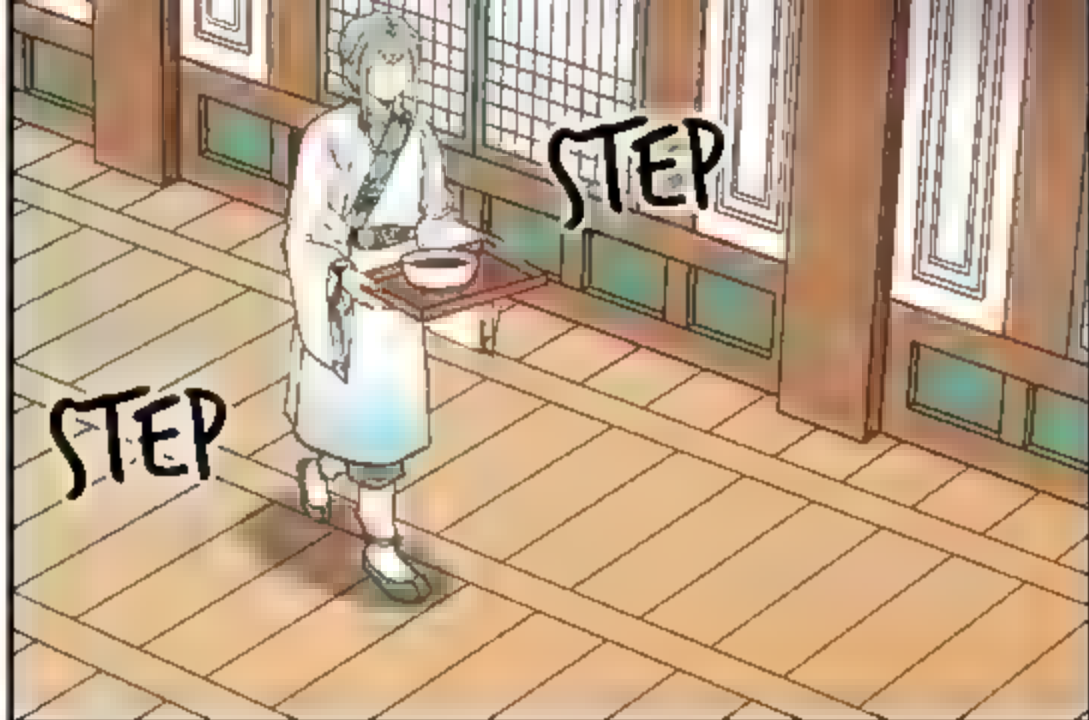
WE CAN ALSO
SPY ON YISHIMI
SINCE THEY'RE
FRIENDS.

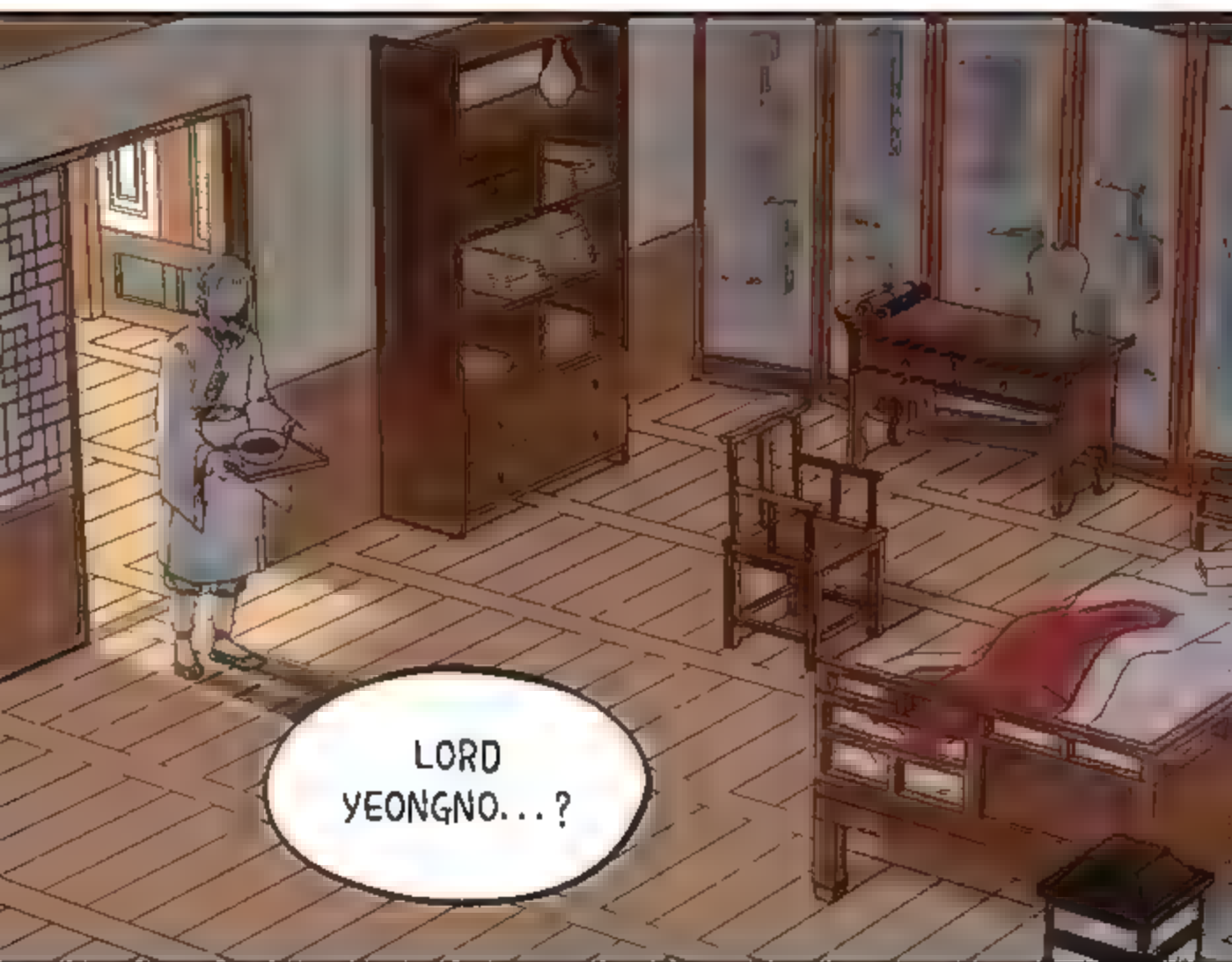


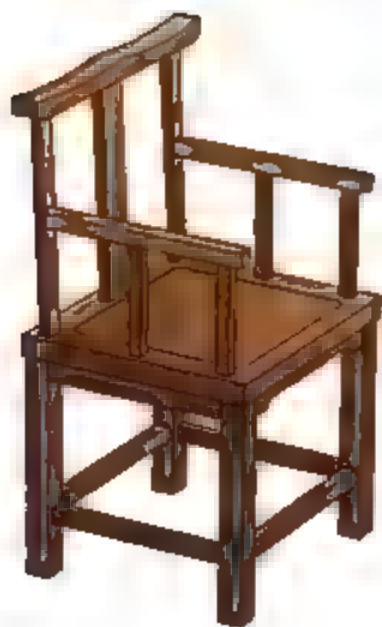
EVEN IF IT'S
EVERY MAN FOR THEMSELVES
AT THE EXAM, WE CAN AT LEAST
WORK ON THE TASK
TOGETHER.

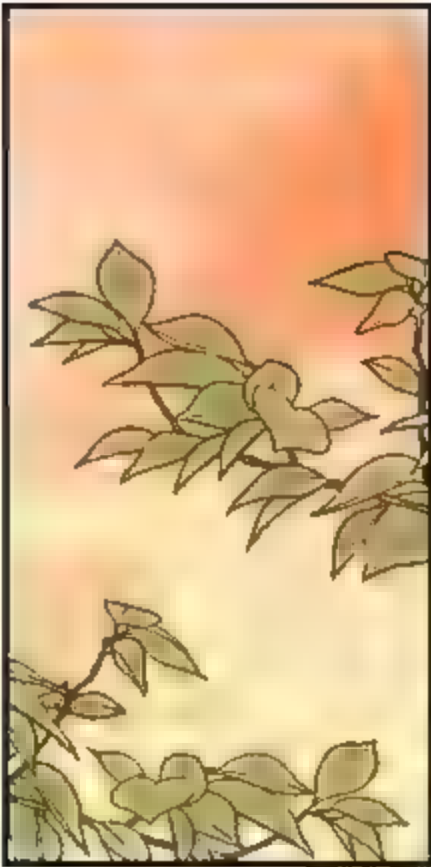
YOU CAN'T AFFORD
TO GET THERE LATER
THAN YISHIMI.



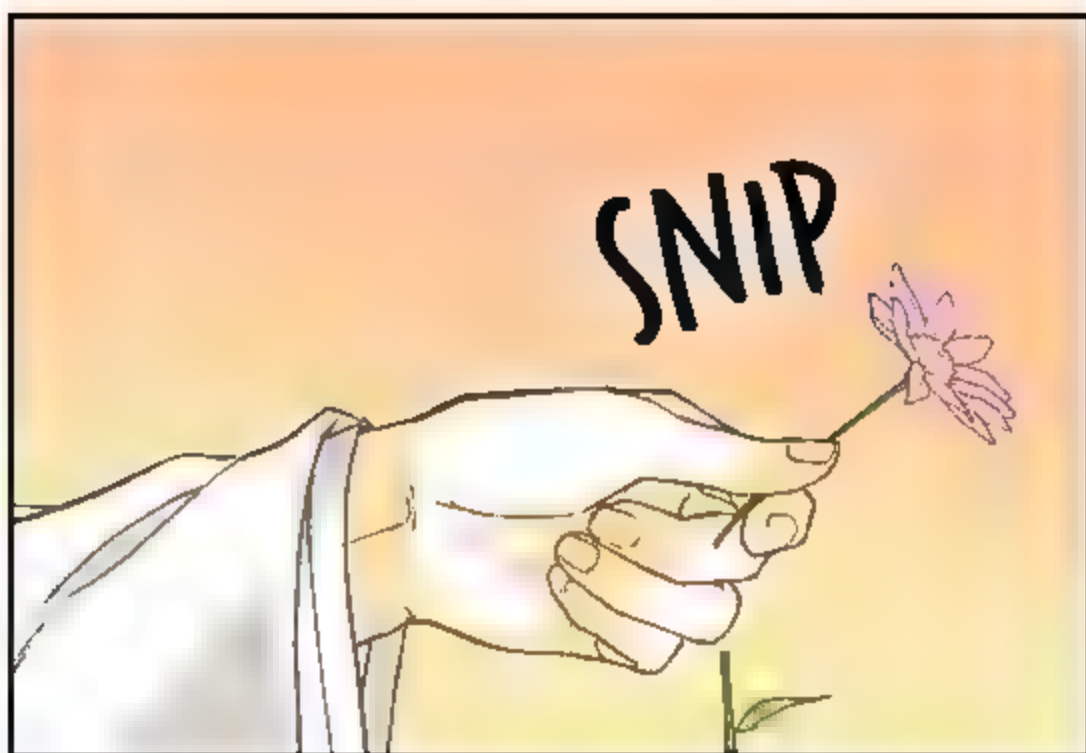










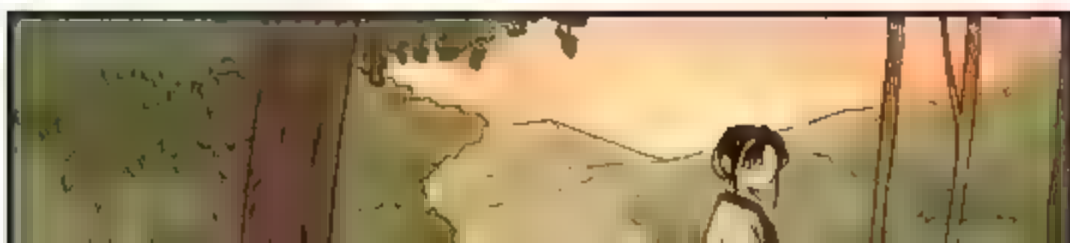








...BUT
YOU CANNOT
HIDE THE SCENT
OF BLOOD.







POOR THING.

YOU LOOK
BADLY INJURED.



WHY...

... HAVE YOU
COME TO ME?

